(d) the results of these efforts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (d) The States/Union Territories of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Oriissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, NCT of Delhi, Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands have constituted State Wakf Boards under the provisions of the Wakf Act, 1995 and are taking action as per provisions of the Act. The Central Government has been pursuing the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for implementation of the Wakf Act. The matter was discussed in the meeting of State Secretaries-in-charge of Minorities' Welfare, Collectors of 41 Minority Concentration Districts and the Chief Executive Officers of the State Wakf Boards held on February 27, 2001 and later in the conference of the State Secretaries-in-charge of Social Welfare held on May 24-25, 2001.

National Programme for Rehabilitation of Disabled in Rajasthan and Orissa

3772. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governments of Rajasthan and Orissa have initiated the National Programme for Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons in various districts of Rajasthan and Orissa;

(b) if so, the districts selected in these States for the implementation of this programme;

(c) the amount released by Government during the years 2000-2001, and under this programme 2001-2002;

(d) the names of the districts proposed to be included in this programme during 2001-2002; and

(e) the percentage of disabled persons provided jobs in Government Departments during 2000-2001, till date, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

The districts selected under this scheme in Orissa are Khurda, Mayurbhanj

and Kalahandi and the districts in Rajasthan are Ajmer, Jodhpur and Jhunjhunun.

An amount of Rs. 198.35 lakh each has been released during 2000-2001 to Rajasthan and Orissa. The funds for 2001-2002 have not been released.

Coverage of the same districts is proposed to be continued during 2001-2002.

(e) Most of the States have provided for reservation of jobs for the persons with disabilities as per the provisions of Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 with some States providing even more than 3% reservation. 5 States have however not made by provision. The actual percentage of jobs reserved for the disabled varies between States.

Juvenile Welfare Officers and Juvenile Justice Cells in the country

3773.SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of police districts having juvenile Welfare Officers and Juvenile Justice Cells in the country;

(b) the steps being taken to have such an officer and a cell in each of the police districts to restrict rape and other crimes against Juveniles; and

(c) by when, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000 would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) The 'Police', being a State subject, setting up of Special Juvenile Police Units and appointing Juvenile or Child Welfare Officer under the Juvenile Justice Act in every Police District are the responsibilities of State Governments. However, the Central Government has requested the State Government to expedite action in this regard. Central Government has also published Model Rules under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 to facilitate the State Governments in their efforts to prepare Rules under the Act.

(c) The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 has already come into force with effect form 1st April, 2001. A Notification in this regard was also published in the Gazette of India, extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 28th February, 2001.